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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Vischer et al.

Serial No.: 10/033,426

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Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: Method for Processing a Nucleic
Acid Sample by Swinging a Segment
of a Cartridge Wall, a System and a
Cartridge for Performing Such a
Method

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

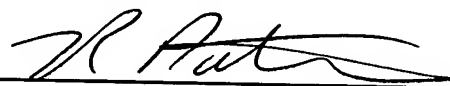
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated
January 31, 2002, be extended for a period of 2 month(s) from March 31, 2002 to and including May
31, 2002.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$400.00. Please charge the required fee to
Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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